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Addendum

Letter dated 14 December 1995 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly

I am again writing in connection with the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, by which the Assembly decided that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the Assembly should be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications were being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Pursuant to that resolution and to the procedure adopted by the Committee on Conferences, members were informed that under operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/50/L.40), the General Assembly would decide to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole of the fiftieth session of the Assembly as the most appropriate mechanism to prepare the mid-term review in 1996 of the implementation of the New Agenda. Under paragraph 6, the Assembly would further decide that the ad hoc committee of the whole should meet for a period of 10 working days in September 1996, prior to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, to prepare the mid-term review. The meeting in September would represent a departure from section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, by which all subsidiary organs were instructed "to complete their reports for the following session of the General Assembly no later than 1 September".

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I wish to inform you that, having carefully reviewed the case, the Committee on Conferences recommends to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the proposed ad hoc committee of the whole of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly concerning the United Nations New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s to meet in New York for a period of 10 working days in September 1996, prior to the fifty-first session of the Assembly.

(Signed) Fernando VARELA
Chairman of the
Committee on Conferences